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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REHDER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a supplemental nutrition assistance pilot program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.018, to read as follows:

208.018. 1. Subject to federal approval, the department of social services shall establish a pilot program for the purpose of providing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants with access and the ability to afford fresh fruit and vegetables when purchasing fresh produce at farmers' markets. Under the pilot program, such participants shall be able to:

(1) Purchase fresh produce with SNAP benefits with an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card; and

(2) Receive a dollar-for-dollar match for every SNAP dollar spent at a participating farmers' market in an amount up to ten dollars per week whenever the participant purchases fresh produce with an EBT card.

2. Purchases of approved fresh produce by SNAP participants under this section shall automatically trigger matching funds reimbursement into the vendor accounts by the department.

3. The funding of this pilot program shall be subject to appropriation. In addition to appropriations from the general assembly, the department may apply for available grants and shall be able to accept other gifts, grants, and donations to develop and maintain the program.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. The department shall promulgate rules setting forth the procedures and methods**
19 **of implementing this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
20 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**
21 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**
22 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of**
23 **the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the**
24 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**
25 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,**
26 **2014, shall be invalid and void.**

27 **5. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

28 **(1) The provisions of this section shall sunset automatically six years after the**
29 **effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and**

30 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
31 **shall sunset automatically twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
32 **section; and**

33 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
34 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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